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claims that Barnes discloses the measurement of a temporal aspect of an asynchronous clock and uses that to lock onto a data stream, but Applicant respectfully disagrees. With respect to the step of measuring a temporal aspect of an asynchronous clock, the Examiner simply states that 24 produces f_0 or $f_0/2$ of an asynchronous clock (10) having a frequency of f_0 . Be that as it may, this is not used to lock onto a data stream, at least as far as Applicant can surmise from the reference. With regard to this step, the Examiner references the same device, namely, data input 10 and states that the locking is done "in accordance with the measured periods (output of 24)." However, this appears to be insufficient disclosure, and insufficient explanation of that disclosure to rely upon anticipation.

Based upon the foregoing comments, Applicant believes the claims of this application remain in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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